

telligently provide as far as may be this particular deficiency, as we are at present organized. I think I will have something to say on the subject of church organization in the near future, based on my observations of the past two years. Union and efficiency in ministry and church organization should be our motto. To this end I pray God's blessing on the work in the Illiokota district.

J. O. TALLEY, Evangelist.

#### Riddlesburg, Pa.

Thinking a few lines from this place might be of interest to the readers of the EVANGELIST, I will inform you that we are in the midst of a great revival here. Elder Smouse commenced services on Tuesday Jan. 10th, and has been holding forth the word with power and in demonstration of the spirit. The results thus far has been fifteen additions to the church with many others near the kingdom. There were many barriers to overcome when the meetings commenced but I rejoice to state that the church is moving along in harmony and peace. My connection dates from the Brethren church since December 25, 1898, yet my joy has been great since then and I feel assured that there are greater blessings in store for me. Having passed the noontide of life it will require my constant efforts to occupy until He comes, for by the help of our Father in heaven I shall improve every moment of time to his service and praise, and am persuaded that if the membership will work in harmony that a glorious future is before us as a church. Our pastor is fearless in his elucidations of doctrine and the necessity of a higher spiritual life. His sermons are straight gospel and are bearing fruit for the Master. Pray for us brethren and especially for your sister in Christ.

SEVELLA A. JOHNSON.

#### Falls City, Neb.

At the close of the Sunday evening services, New Years, another young lady was added to the church by relation.

In one of Brother Gillin's sermons he urged the members when they were called upon for special work by their pastor or other officers of the church not to plead their ignorance or their unfavorable circumstances as making it impossible for them to comply, but rather go to your pastor and offer yourself for work, and turning to the pastor who sat behind him in the pulpit said, "I know you would be glad to have them do this," to which Brother Harrison responded, "Yes, I would like to have about a hundred present themselves for work." (Our entire membership numbers about one hundred) In the course of a few weeks brother A. H. Lichty, superintendent of the Silver Creek Sunday school, presented himself to the pastor and stated that he and his wife concluded to present themselves for special work. Notwithstanding the fact that Brother Lichty has the responsibility of the Sunday-school resting upon him, he is willing to put forth every effort for the glory of God.

Jesus says, "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit he purgeth it, that it bring forth more fruit. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit: so shall ye be my disciples." John 15:2, 8.

For a year or more there has been no effort made along the special line of young people's work. Accordingly Brother Lichty was asked to look after the young, tributary to the Silver Creek church. He accepted the work and on account of the remoteness of the members from the church and from each other it not only seemed improbable but impracticable to get the young together at the church or at any other point, but a trial meeting was appointed at the church and the result is surprising. This reminds us that "Where's there's a will there's a way." Since the revival a number of family altars have been set up. With plenty of religion in the home there will be no trouble it seems in sustaining any possible public service.

Last Sunday (Jan. 15) Brother Harrison and Brother Burnworth exchanged pulpits. The former preached at Pony Creek and the latter preached at Silver Creek in the morning and in town in the evening. Brother Burnworth was pastor of this congregation a few years ago, and all were glad to hear him again. Brother Harrison spent a few days at Pony Creek getting acquainted with the members and attended the Bible Normal of the G. B. church at Morrill, Kans.

PEARL LUTZ.

#### Roanoke, Va.

We have had interesting times in the southwest of the Old Dominion since our last letter. The work in Pittsylvania county is in good condition, under the immediate oversight of elder Thomas Wood. It is our purpose to go there in the spring, and help him bear the "Ark of the Covenant." Recently a G. B. brother wrote me from an adjoining county to come and preach a few progressive sermons. There are a thousand more or less of his brethren in the county, and we have promise of active work there when the time comes to begin. We will go there in March if it be the Lord's will. Montgomery county, 25 miles west of Roanoke, has passed through fiery trials the past year. They have been afflicted with a minister George Correll Green, who like the ancient Diophretes, loved the prominence, and he has greatly retarded the work there. Lately he came into this congregation, and finding one of our members, who had been expelled for grave breaches of the moral law over a year ago, he began to hold meetings under the direction of the ex member and finally he proceeded to organize an independent congregation, composed of a few members of the Bethany congregation over which elder C. Nininger and I preside, and restored the lapsed member to full fellowship and elected him to the deacon's office. Complaint was made to his congregation, which is under the watchful care of Elder Love, and his connection with the church was severed.

The work in this county is being actively prosecuted. Boon's Chapel, with its 100 members, is "holding the fort" with commendable zeal. We will hold a revival there in the spring. Lunenburg is moving along at a moderate pace, rather too moderate to insure healthful circulation of spiritual blood. Brother Spangler, our Floyd watchman, is greatly built up over the prospects in his county. He expects great things of the Lord this year. May the prayers of the saints be with him. Craig and Alleghany counties are about even with the procession. Elder J. S. Bowman is on guard over there. He is our district evangelist and he will take the field in the spring. Winter is not a good season for revival work in the mountain sections of Virginia. Brother Jesse Gillespie, of Bedford county, is alert and the cause of the Master has a doughty champion in the faithful young herald. May our Lord stand by him as he did the great Apostle of the Gentiles.

There are a few things we need to make all our hopes glorious realities. One is a consecrated membership who will give as bountifully of their surplus wealth as our ministers do of their time. Another is, a ministry who will give as bountifully of their time as our Lord requires. With these factors in full force, we could double our membership each year till the millennium.

Oh, where is the faith and patience of the saints!

We look for lively times in this neighborhood next May, the time and occasion of the great annual meeting of the German Baptists, at Roanoke city. We used to love such occasions very much, until the Bridgewater committee set our sails toward the Progressive harbor. For several years prior to that event, the buffeting we received, somewhat chilled our ardor, so that when notice was served that we should disembark, we boarded the Progressive launch and have had serene sailing since.

Notice is hereby served that our special friends on the G. B. ship are expected to share our domicile during their sojourn in Roanoke. We expect to be in evidence during its sessions and of course will enjoy the associations as much as in the halcyon days of yore. There are many, very many, splendid people among them and they regret as much as we the ecclesiastical blunders that made the Progressive organization a necessity. Should any of our brethren come this way about that time let them be assured of an abundant entrance into the homes of their spiritual kindred around far famed Bethany, north of Roanoke.

D. C. MOOMAW.

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